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**LIVING IN A WORLD  
WHERE MUTANTS ARE  
HATED AND FEARED MORE  
THAN EVER, ONE GROUP  
OF YOUNG HEROES HAS  
BANDED TOGETHER TO  
FIGHT BACK.**

# **ULTIMATE COMICS X-MEN**



## **PREVIOUSLY:**

**The war against the humans is over. But the war between the mutants is just beginning...**

**The mutants of the newly founded mutant nation, Utopia, defended themselves victoriously against the Army's unwarranted attack.**

**At the end of the battle, Kitty and Jean Grey came to a stand-off where the leader of Utopia dismissed the leader of Tian--the mutant paradise that floats among the clouds. With her mental powers blocked by the Sentient Seed, Jean reluctantly complied, but not before she sent her servant Farbird back to Tian to begin preparations for "Project Supersonic."**

**Will the second Mutant Nation, in its infancy, be able to escape the violence that has plagued mutants for so long or will the next seed of terror come from within?**

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You won.

We *all* won.



No, what I mean is, your *ideas* won. Your vision for the future of mutants.

Congratulations.

Why are you angry?



I'm not angry. I'm resigned.

You don't need me anymore.

**JAMES HUDSON.**



I'm designed for battle, for surviving violence, for bringing the fight to the enemy.

You want a world with no violence, no conflict, no war.


I do.



And you'll do whatever it takes to get there.

I will.





"I wish you  
the best of  
luck, truly."

"But being at your  
side is feeling more  
and more like standing  
in your shadow."

**KITTY PRYDE.**



## UTOPIA VILLAGE.

Utopia is  
secure.

Following  
the attempts at  
nationalization, the  
deal ex-President Captain  
America struck with mutant  
leader Kitty Pryde was  
deemed legal and binding  
in a Supreme  
Court emergency  
session.

All rights,  
both human and  
those pertaining to  
property and intellect,  
have been returned  
to the mutants.

## THE MUTANT NATION.

Additional land  
surrounding Utopia  
was awarded as part of  
a damages settlement,  
extending their sovereign  
borders by several  
thousand acres.

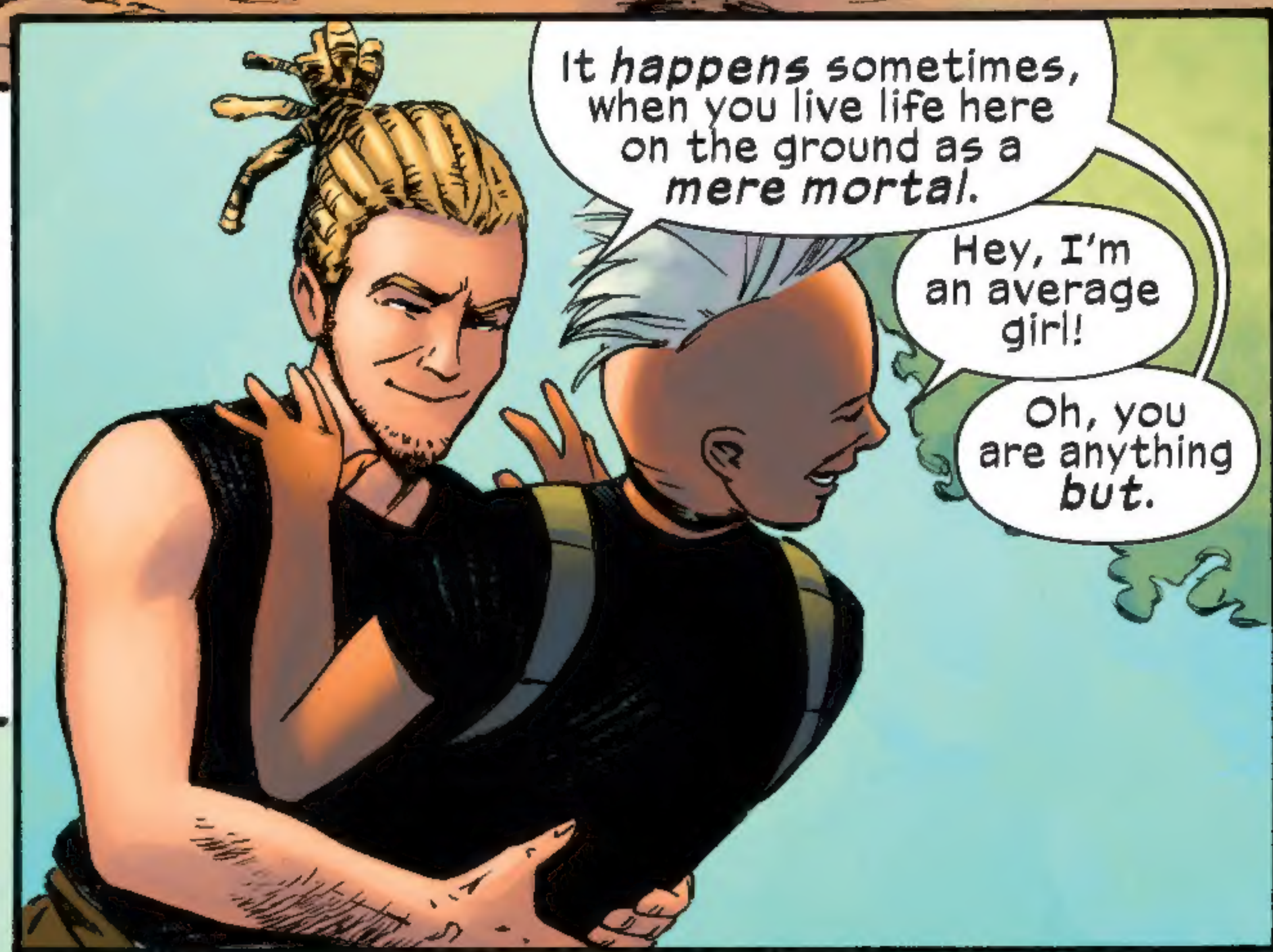
The land was  
terraformed using  
mutant technology,  
and now supports  
several hundred  
individuals.

The original  
reservation stands as  
a park, mostly wildland,  
but a few of the "first  
twenty" mutants still  
reside within.





**SAM SMITHERS,  
aka BLACKHEATH.**



**PIOTR RASPUTIN,  
aka COLOSSUS.**





The mutants' "sentient seed" technology, via Stark Industries, started delivery to third world nations and hard-hit disaster regions this week.

The seed, once believed to have been destroyed, is poised to solve one of the world's biggest problems: hunger.



**BOBBY DRAKE,**  
aka ICEMAN.

**PAGE GUTHRIE,**  
aka HUSK.

Look  
at her.



**ROGUE.**

Word is she  
hasn't set foot  
on solid ground  
in weeks.

The reservation,  
originally named "Utopia"  
as a cruel joke, thrives  
like literally no other  
place on earth.

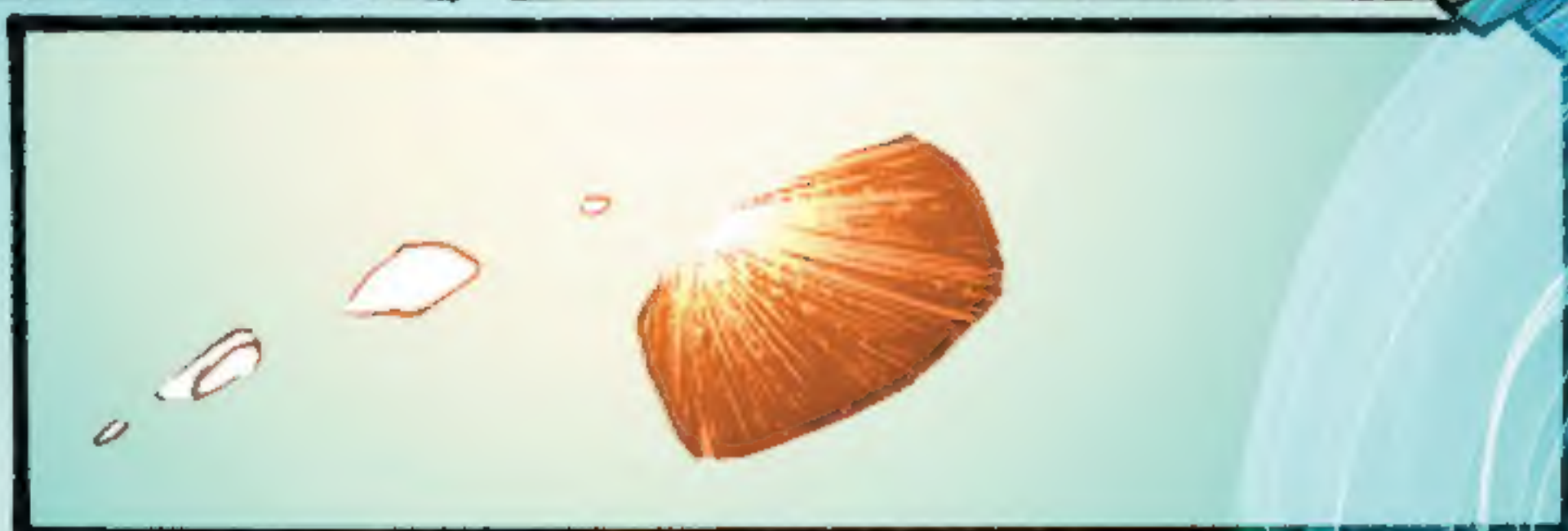
In the face of  
crushing persecution  
and violence, the  
mutants are a global  
success story like  
none other.

**NOMI BLUME,**  
aka MACH TWO.

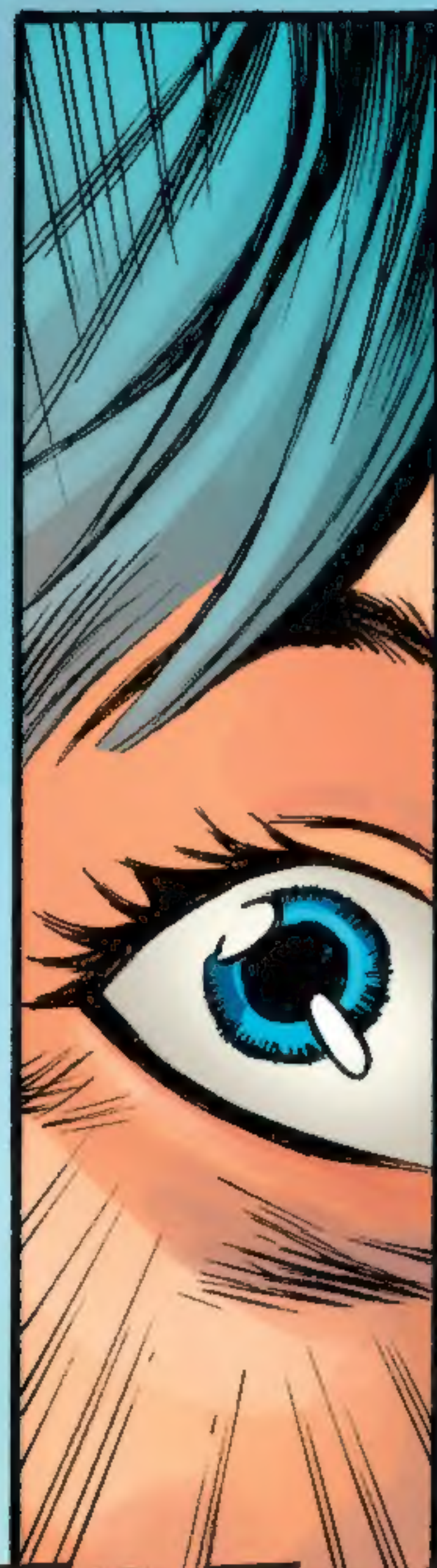
They'll  
never *truly* leave  
us alone.



And  
if not the  
humans...



Stop!



**BEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEP-**





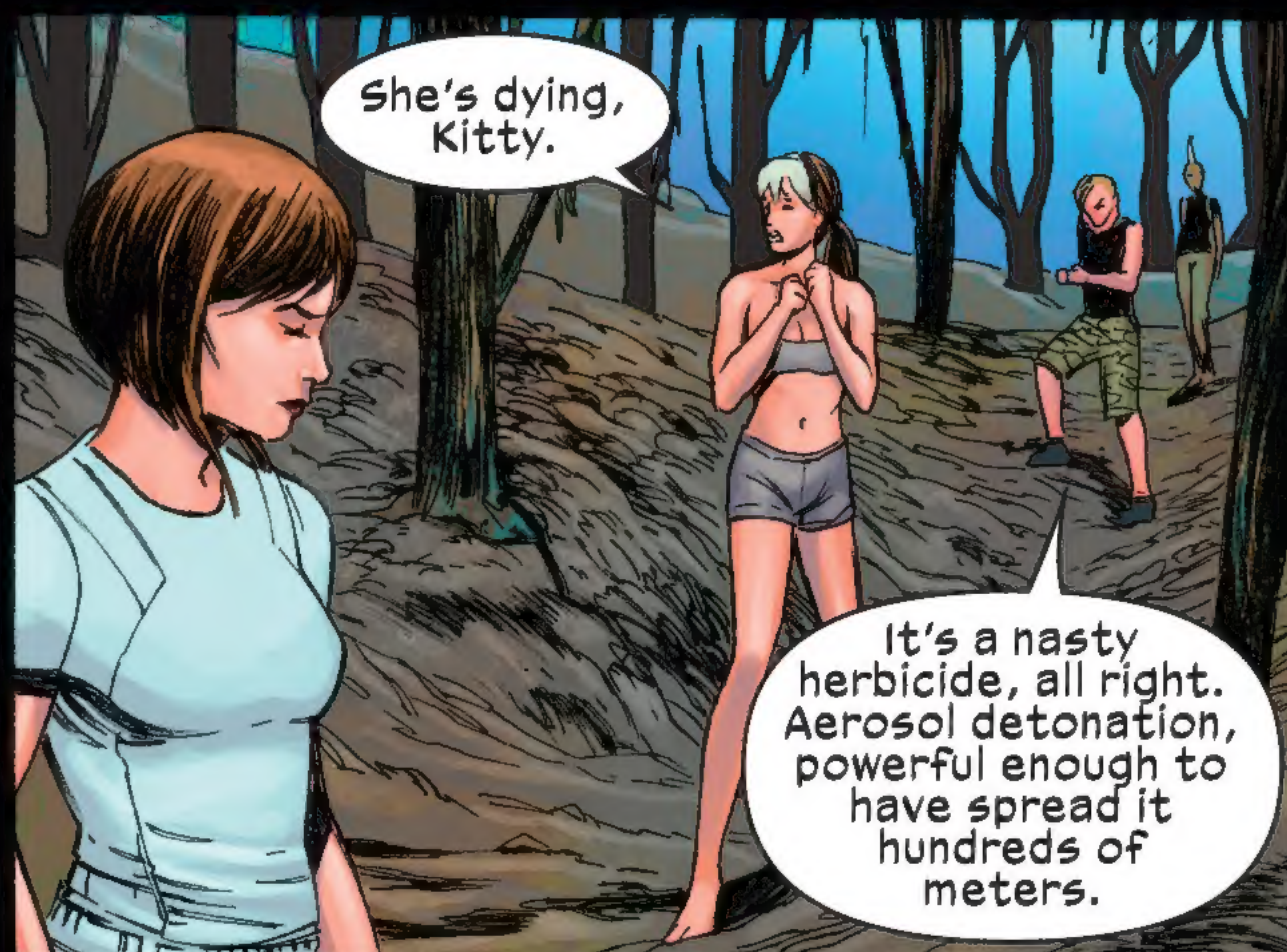
# ***WORLD WAR PART ONE***

***WOOD MARTINEZ***

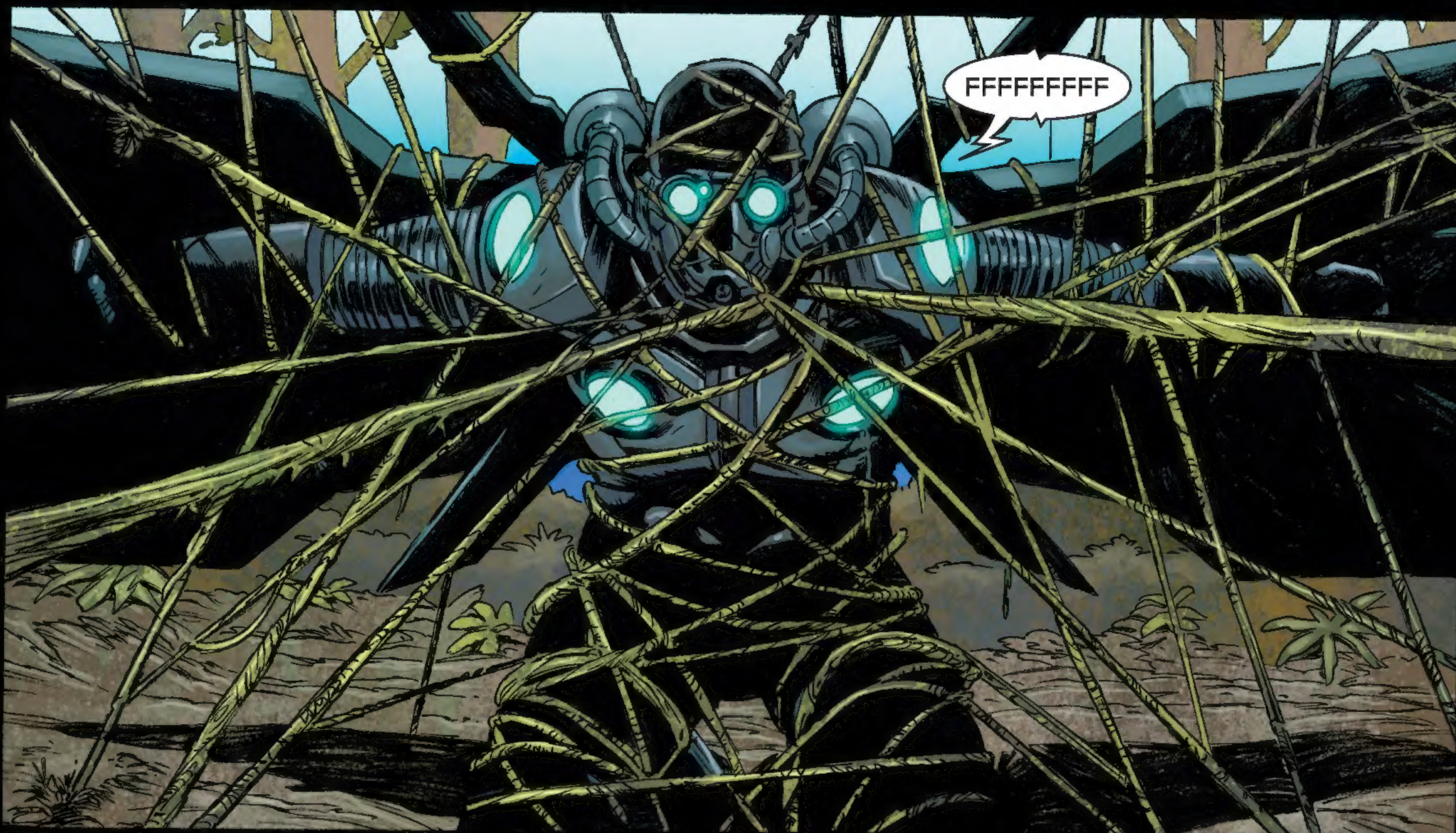
***LUCAS SOTOMAYOR***



THE NEXT MORNING.







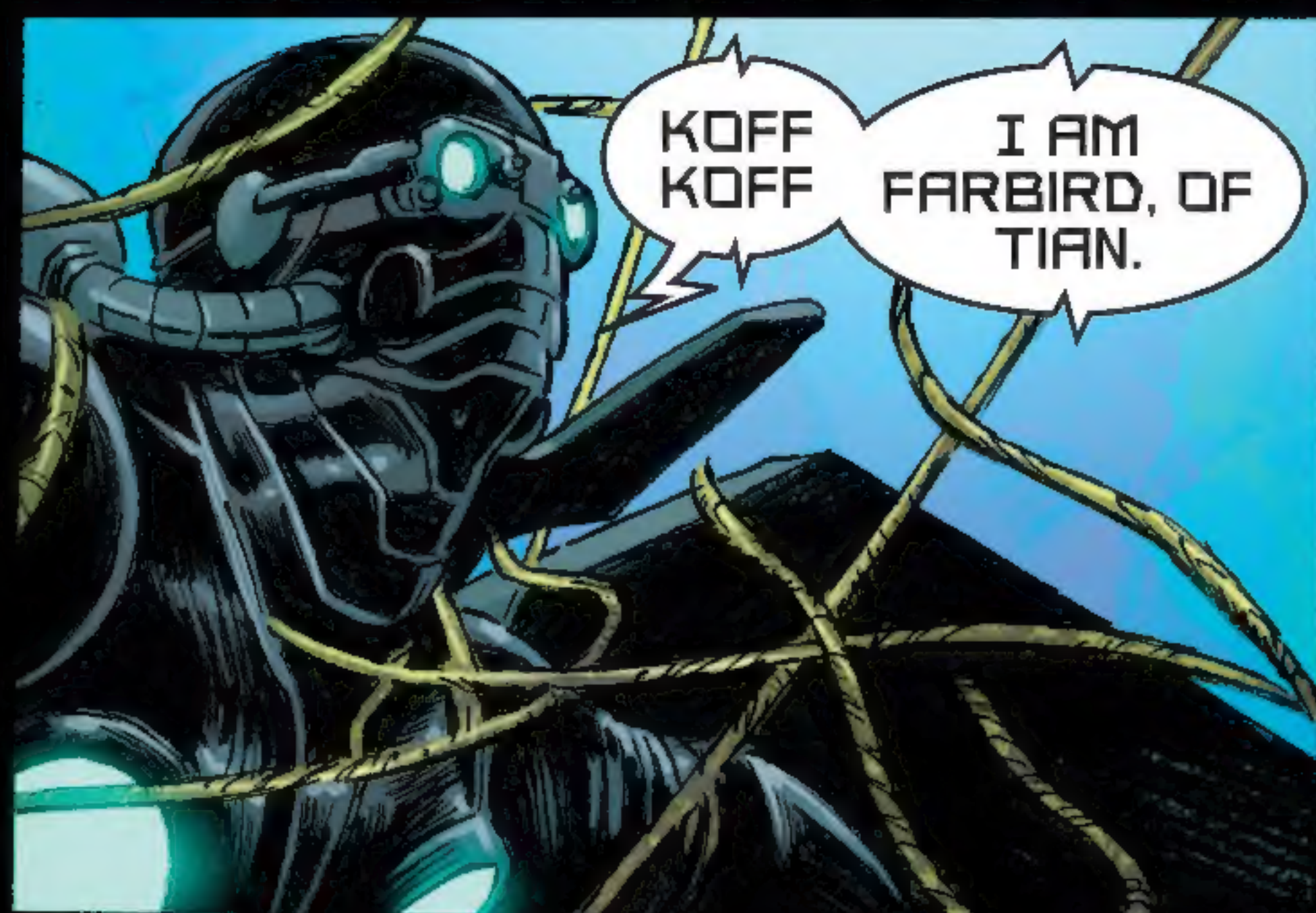
FFFFFFFFF



What is he saying?

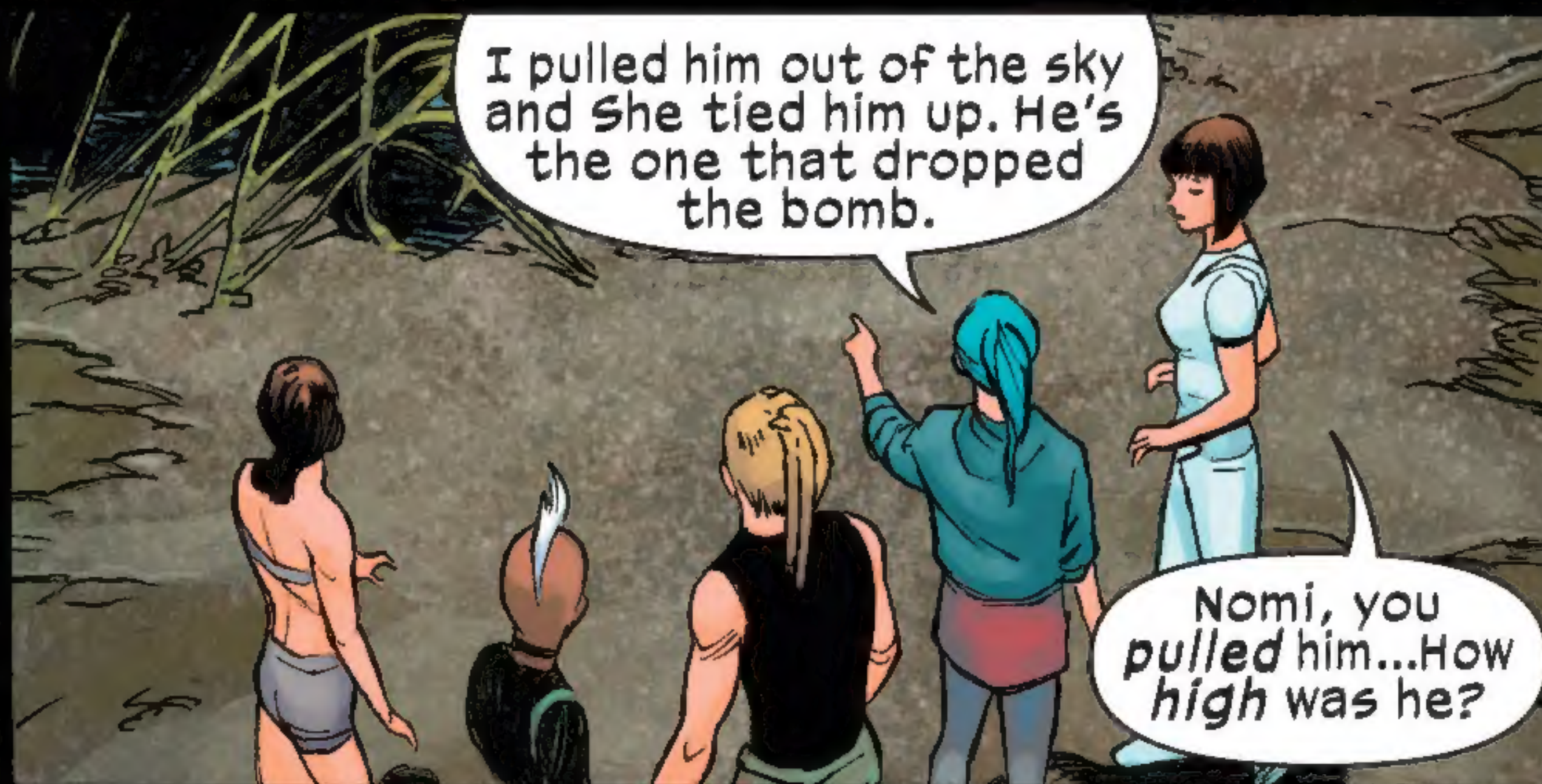
The seed...She's holding him too tight, he can't speak. I think she's actually in the process of crushing him to death...

Please seed, we need answers. You'll have your vengeance, I promise.



KOFF KOFF

I AM FARBIRD, OF TIAN.



I pulled him out of the sky and she tied him up. He's the one that dropped the bomb.

Nomi, you pulled him...How high was he?



Pretty high.



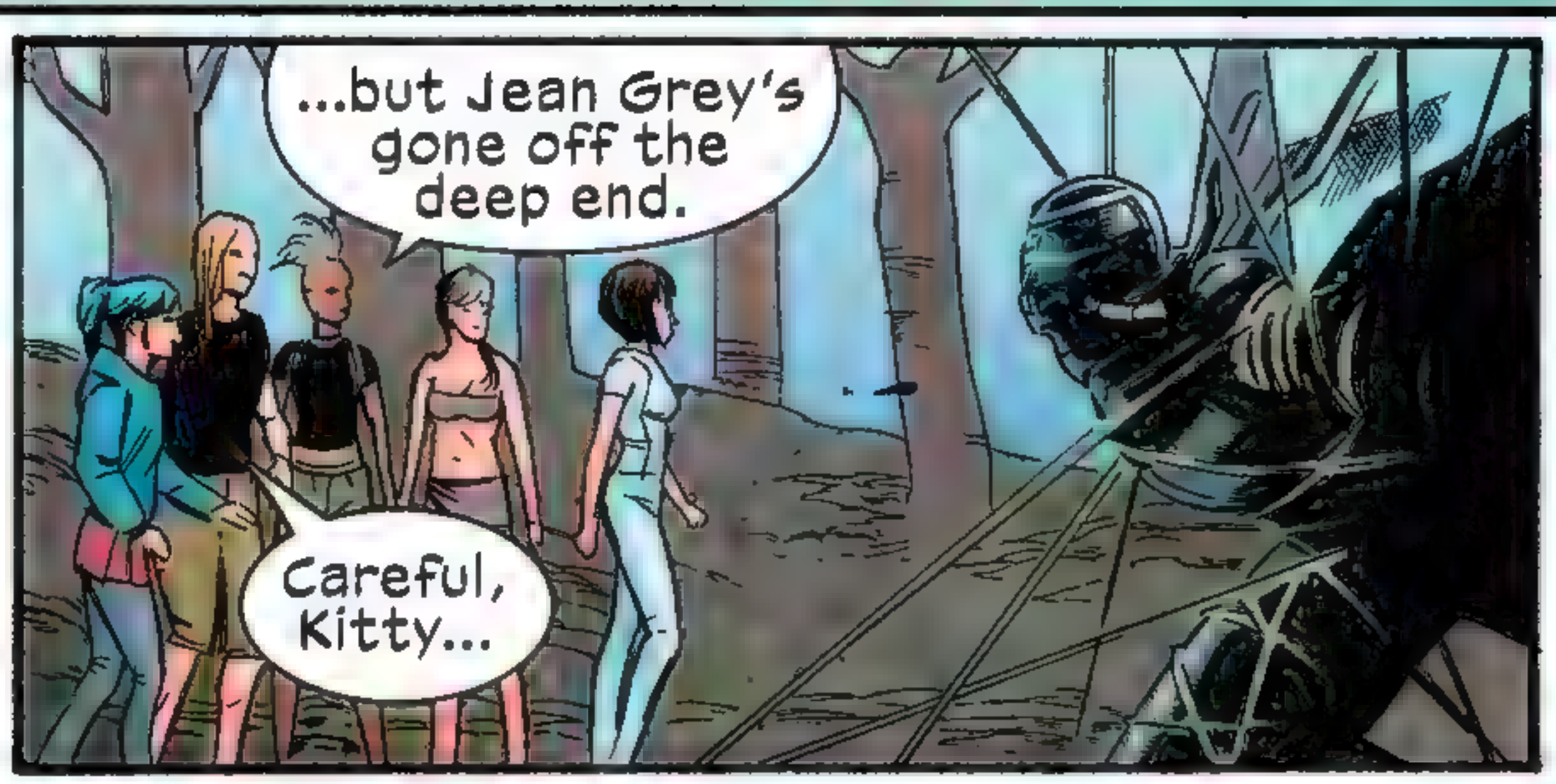
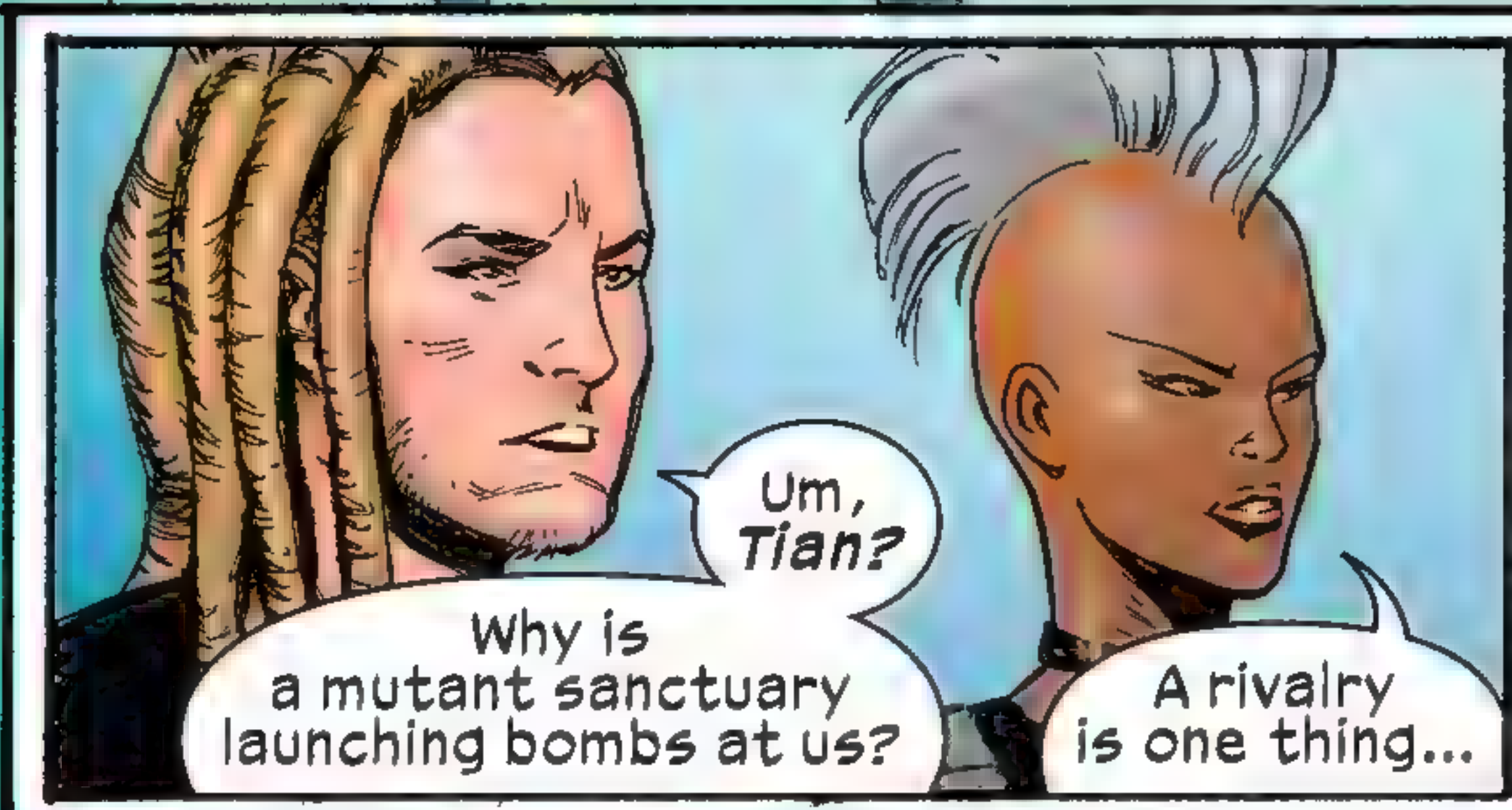
I didn't know you had that sort of range...



I know you didn't.

Ahem.









The seed's really hurt, Kitty.

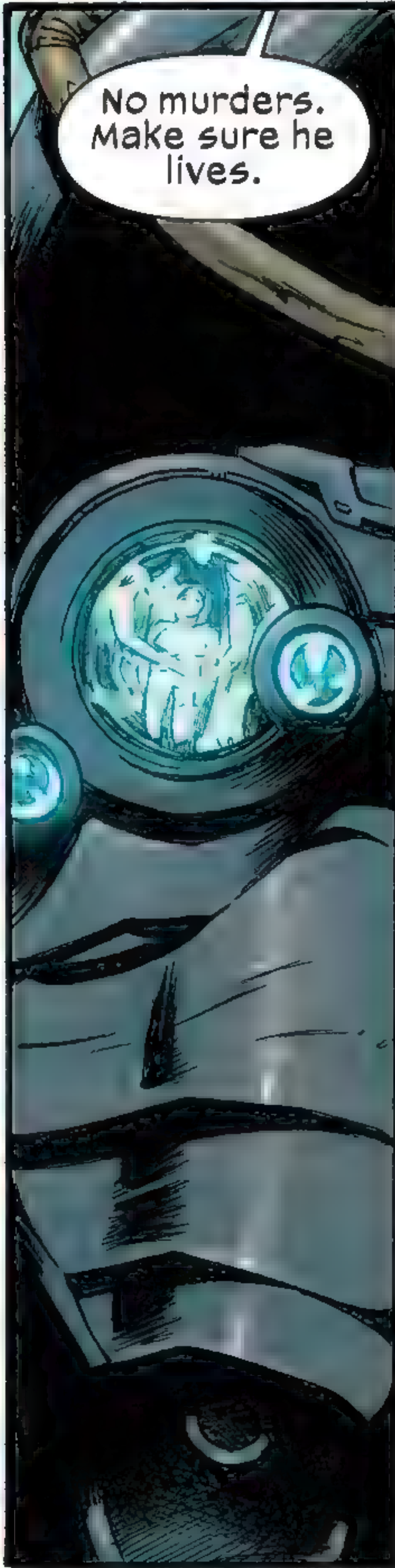
Don't expect too much from her for a few days at least. This herbicide, it's an infection.



Can she still fight?

She's in *terrible pain*, Kitty!

You could let her kill that winged monster, if only for morale.

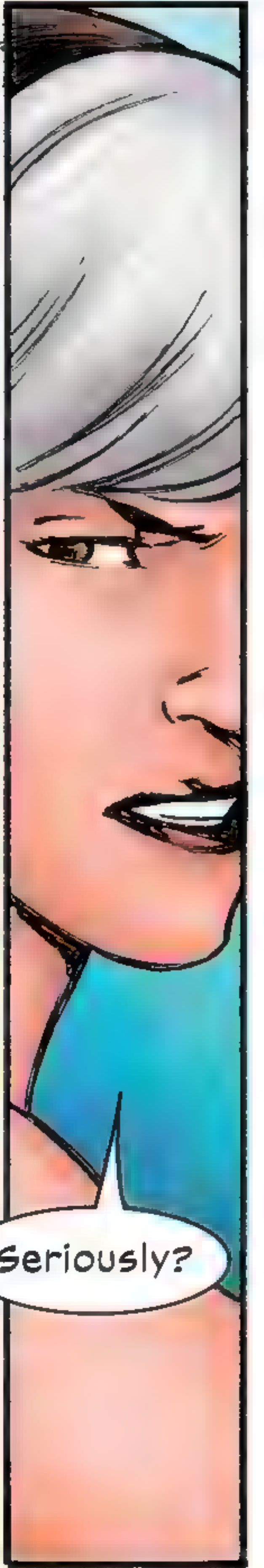


No murders. Make sure he lives.



I'm going to go do what I can to save her.

Anything we can do to help?



Seriously?



Just try not to start another war.

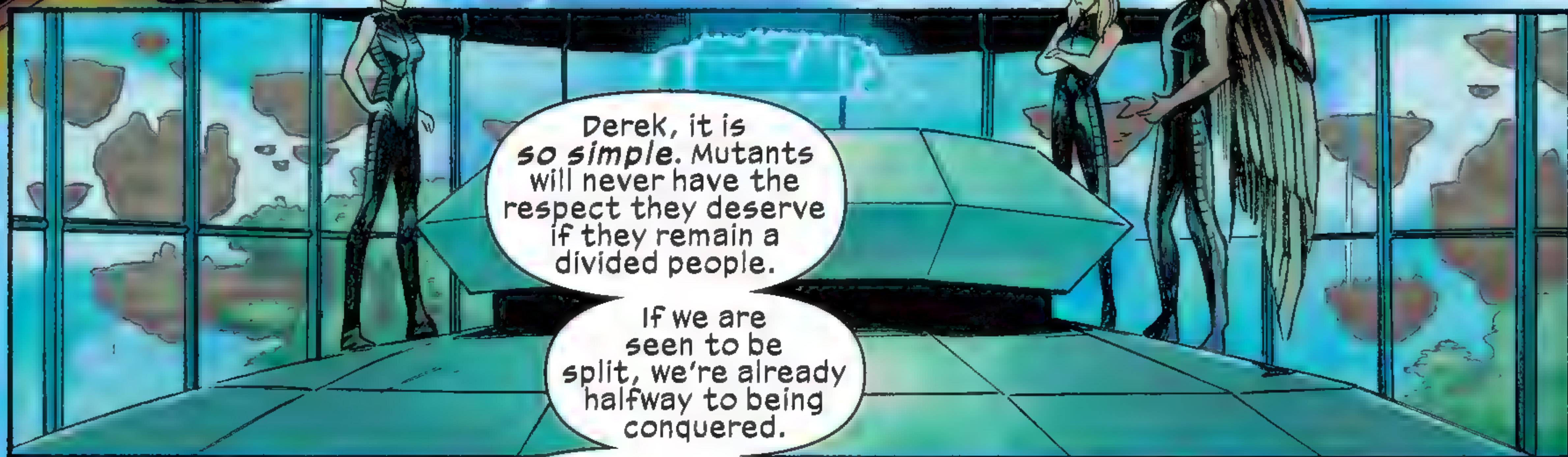


**TIAN.  
JEAN GREY'S FLOATING MUTANT HOMELAND.**



Liz, Derek,  
you are my war  
council. And we *need*  
to move on to  
stage two.

You haven't  
sold us on the need  
for this war, Jean! I  
mean, besides your  
wounded pride?



Derek, it is  
*so simple*. Mutants  
will never have the  
respect they deserve  
if they remain a  
divided people.

If we are  
seen to be  
split, we're already  
halfway to being  
conquered.

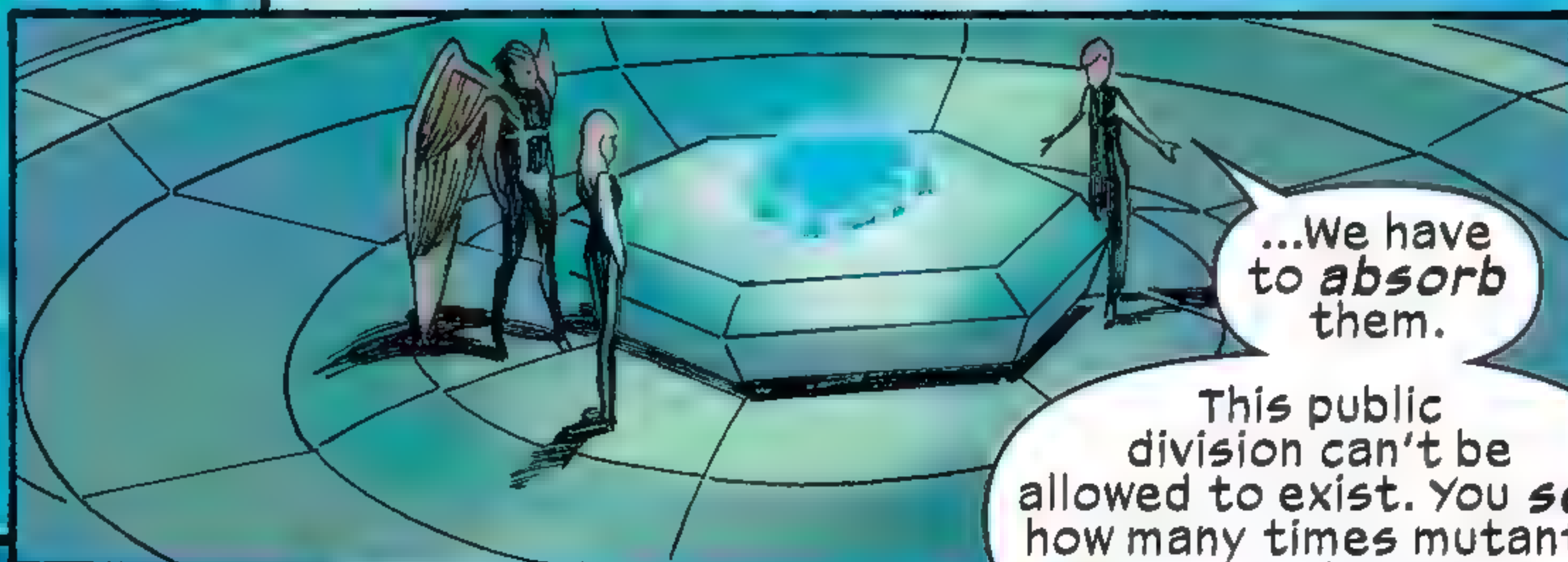
*Tian is the  
mutant homeland.*  
Not only were we *first*,  
but we're also the best  
option in *every*  
*conceivable* way.

Utopia, full of  
their own foolish pride,  
would jeopardize all of us  
for the sake of a landlocked,  
boxed-in patch of desert,  
a two-faced "*gift*" given  
to them out of pity  
and guilt.

But  
you *wanted*  
Utopia...

I wanted the  
people! I wanted  
their support and  
strength. I wanted--  
I *needed* its help to  
ensure our shared  
future!

And now, in  
the interests of  
that shared future  
and the existence of  
mutantkind, if they  
won't choose to  
work with us...



...We have  
to *absorb*  
them.

This public  
division can't be  
allowed to exist. You *see*  
how many times mutants  
in America have come  
under attack!





**Stage one** was neutralization of their bioengineered jungle defenses. I've seen what that **seed** can do firsthand.

As of sixty minutes ago, Farbird dropped an experimental herbicide over Utopia.

It's designed to self-replicate and adapt and should render the whole matrix inoperable.



**Stage two** will be the landing of several Tian soldiers within Utopia Village.

This is a diplomatic effort, Kitty Pryde's last chance for the peaceful solution she swears by.

She can make the **right choice**, and this will never become a "war" at all.



I've designated the northwest sector of Tian to settle the Utopia mutants--

Wait.

Wait, wait, wait, wait...



"The matrix inoperable"? The sentient seed is **alive**, Jean! It's a **mutant**, like us.

Derek--

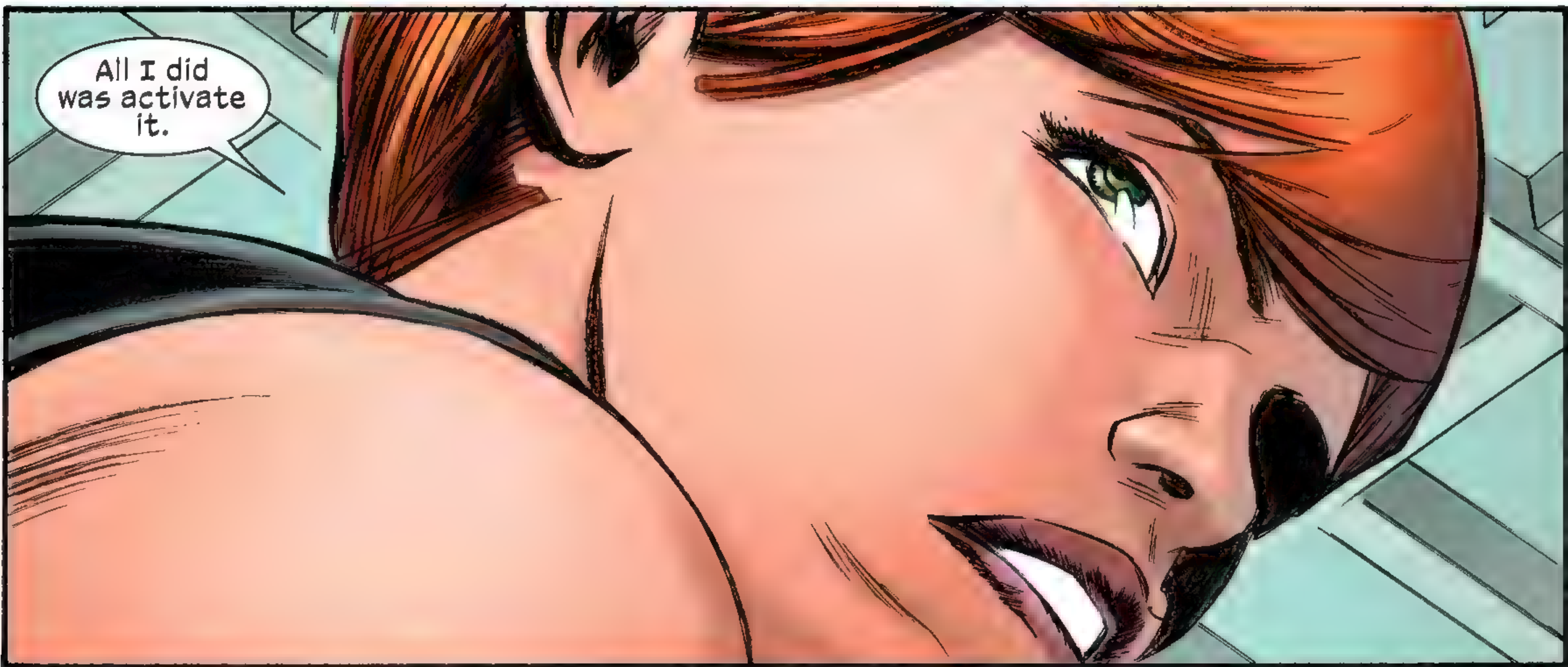
And an **experimental herbicide**? **Tian soldiers**? What are these things?



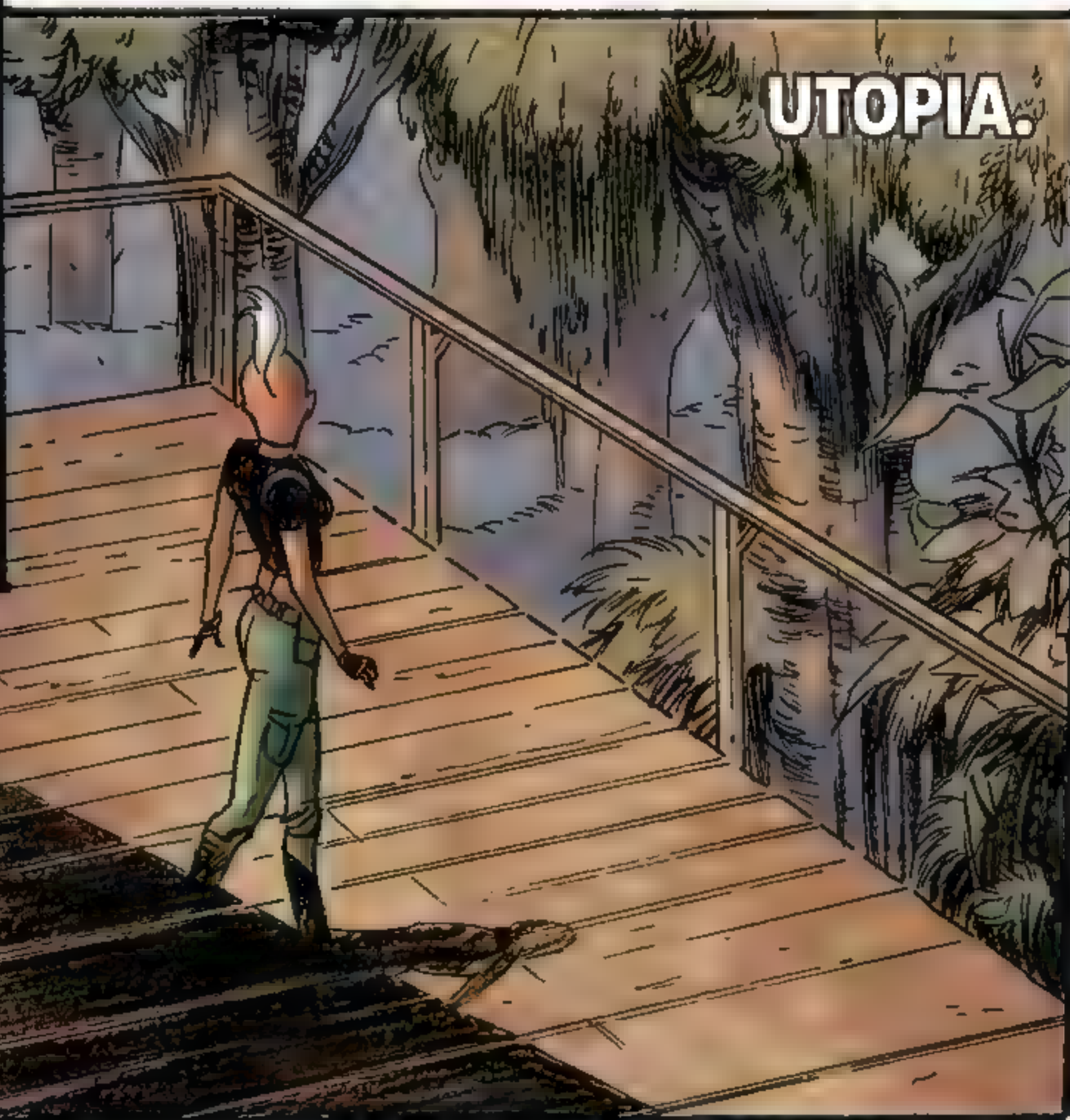
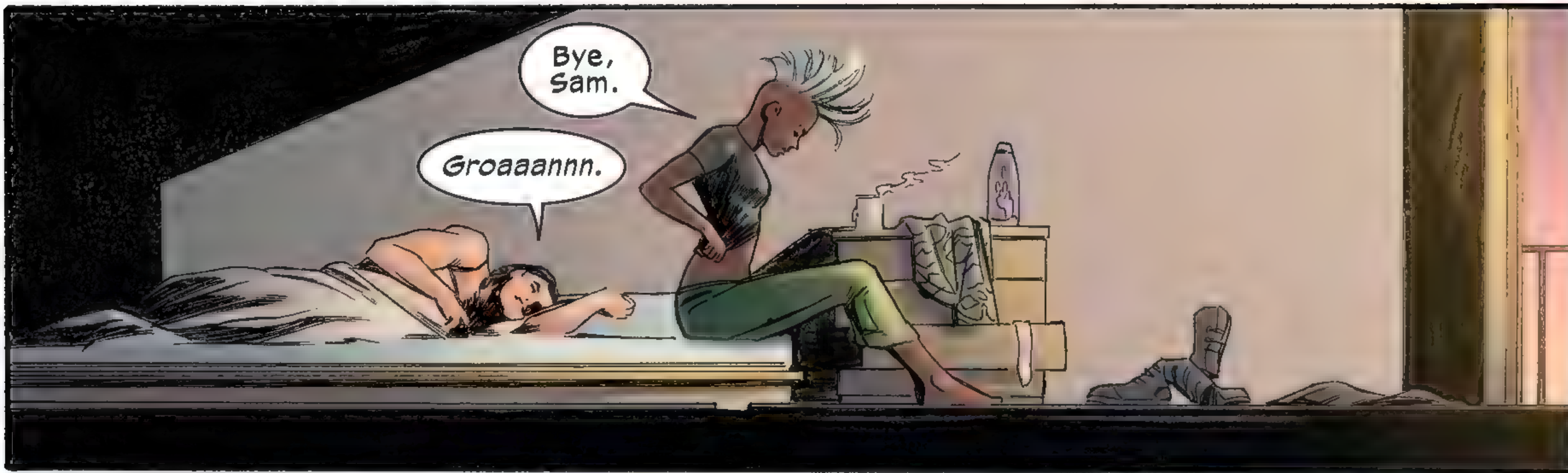
We came here on a **humanitarian mission**, Jean. We came to Tian to **help**.

I've never heard of any of this either, Jean.

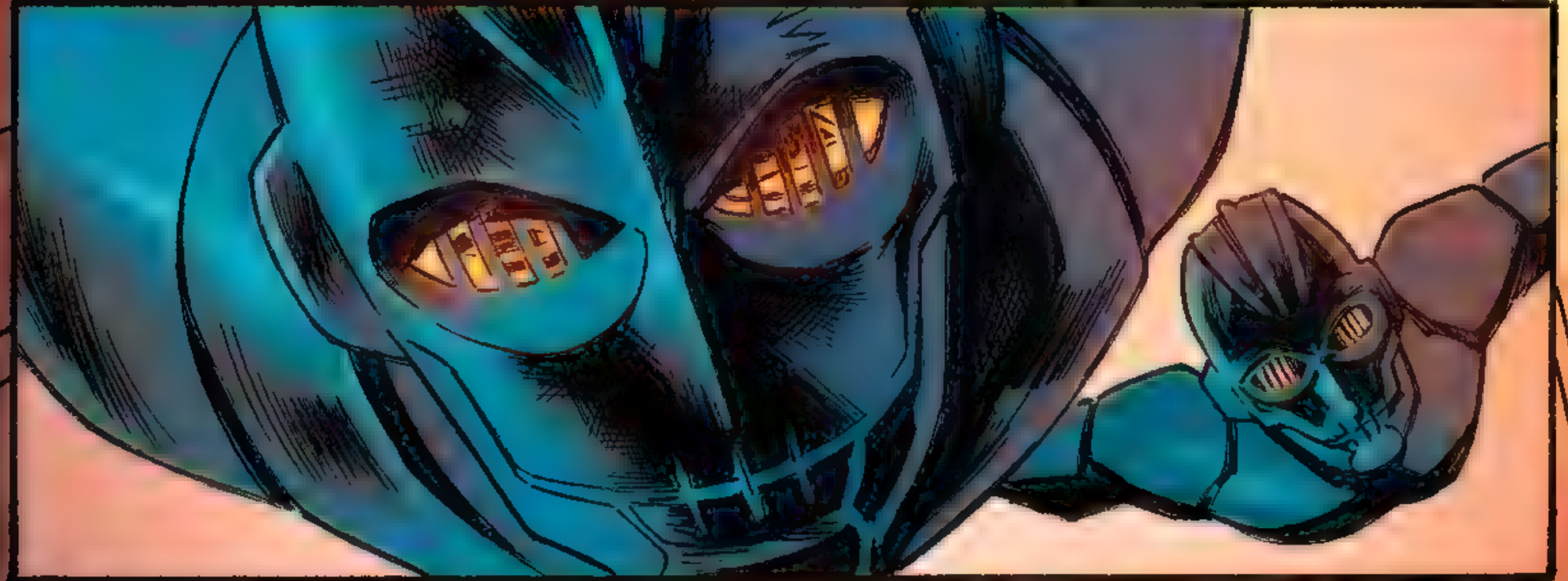
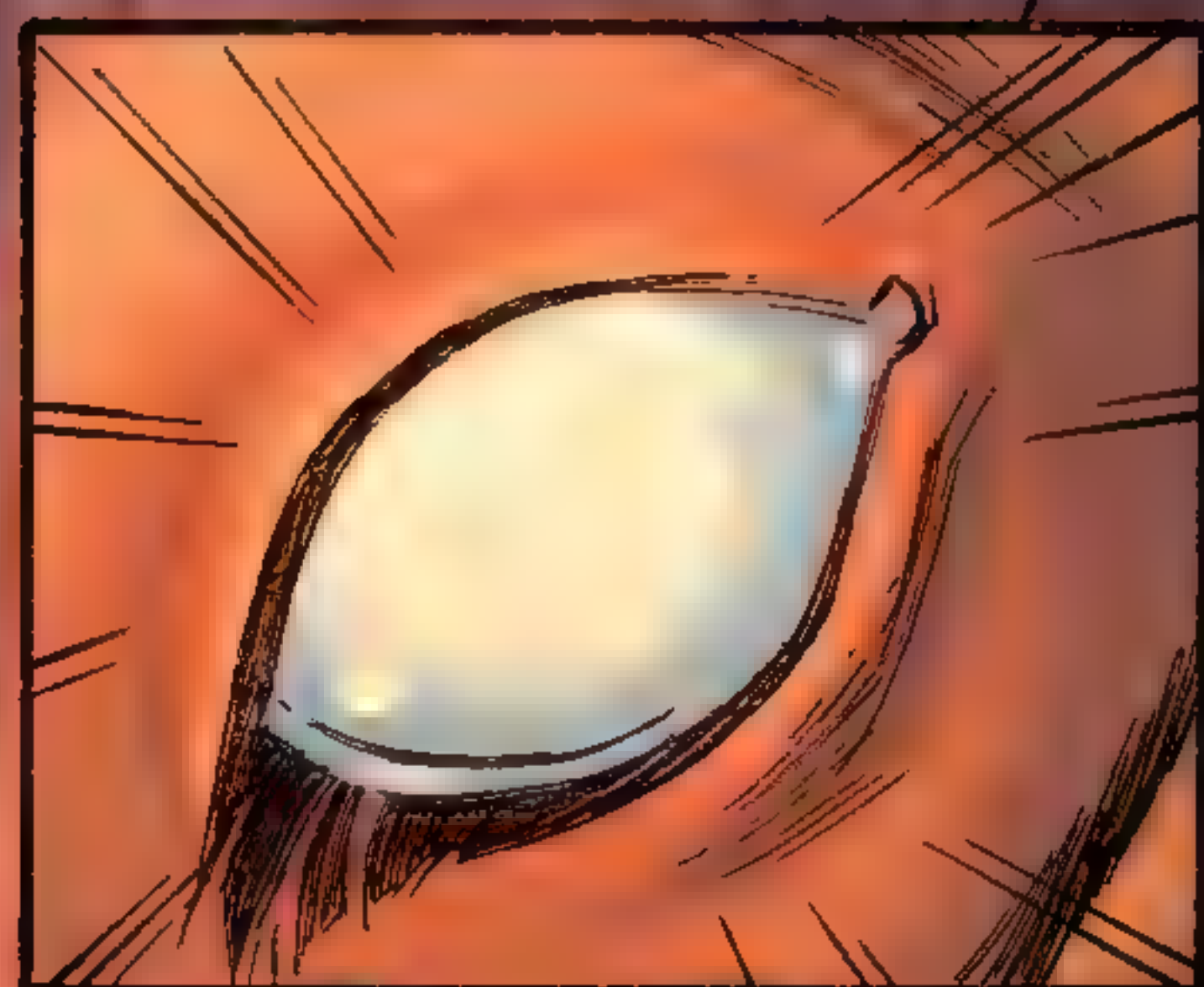






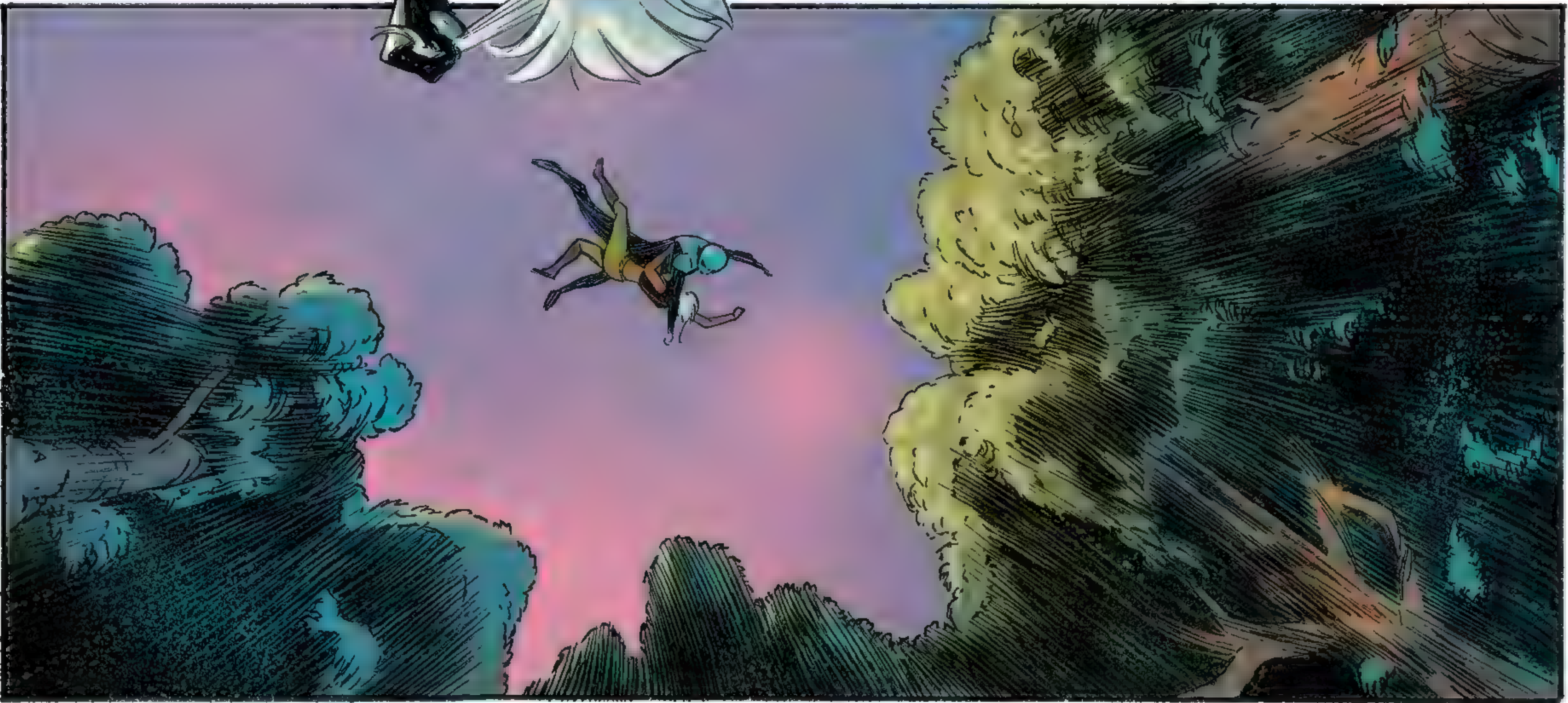
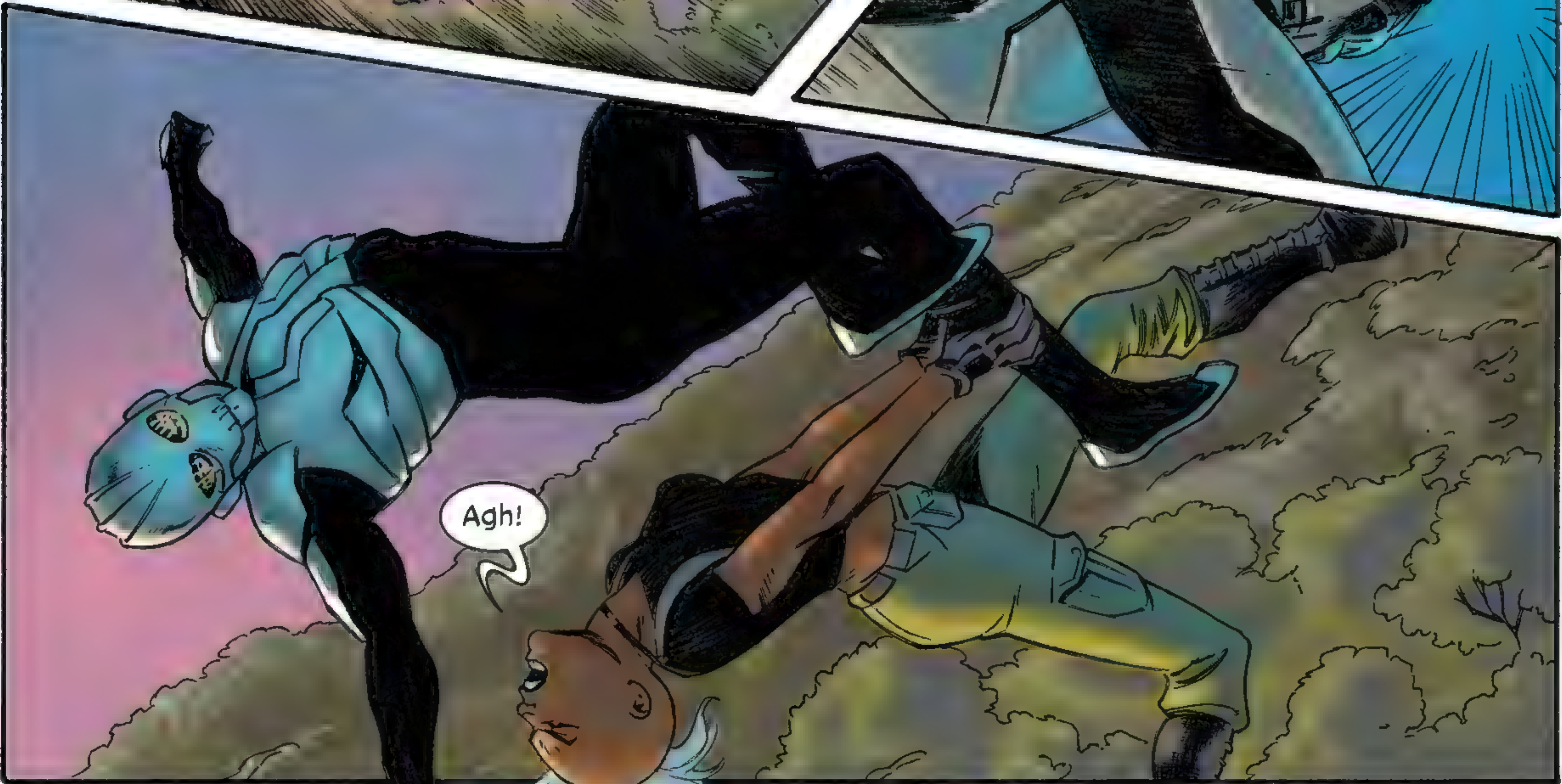
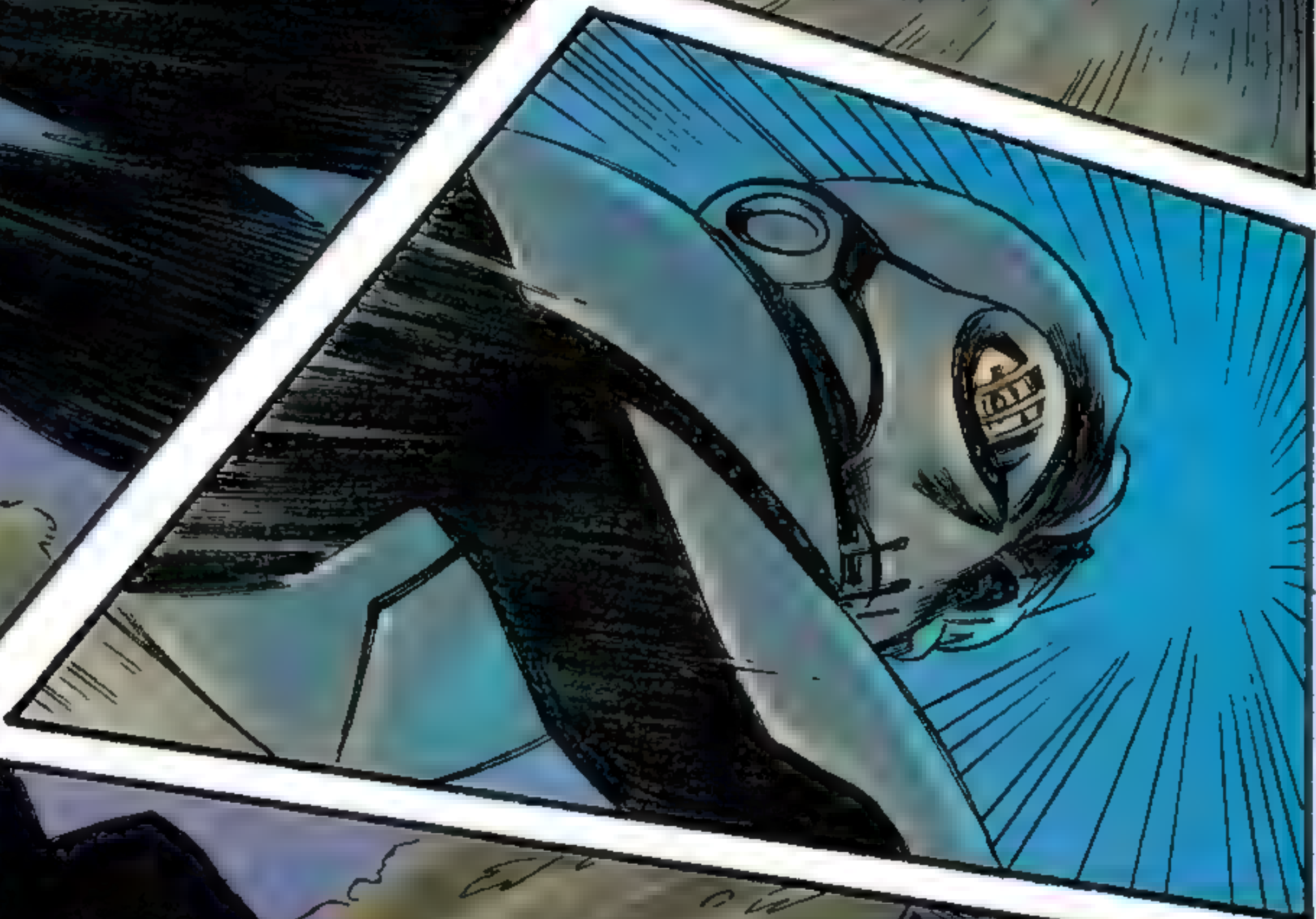
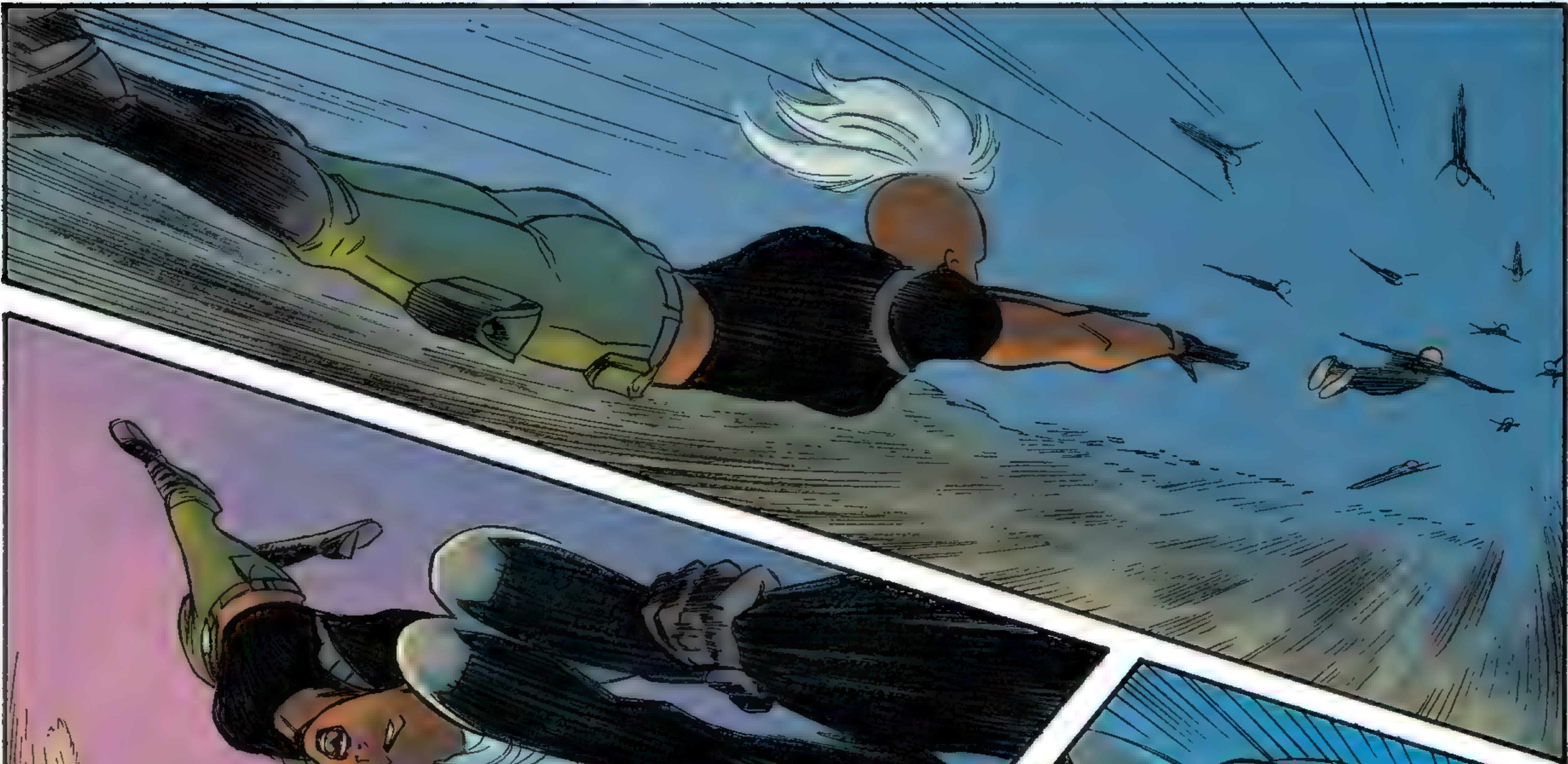




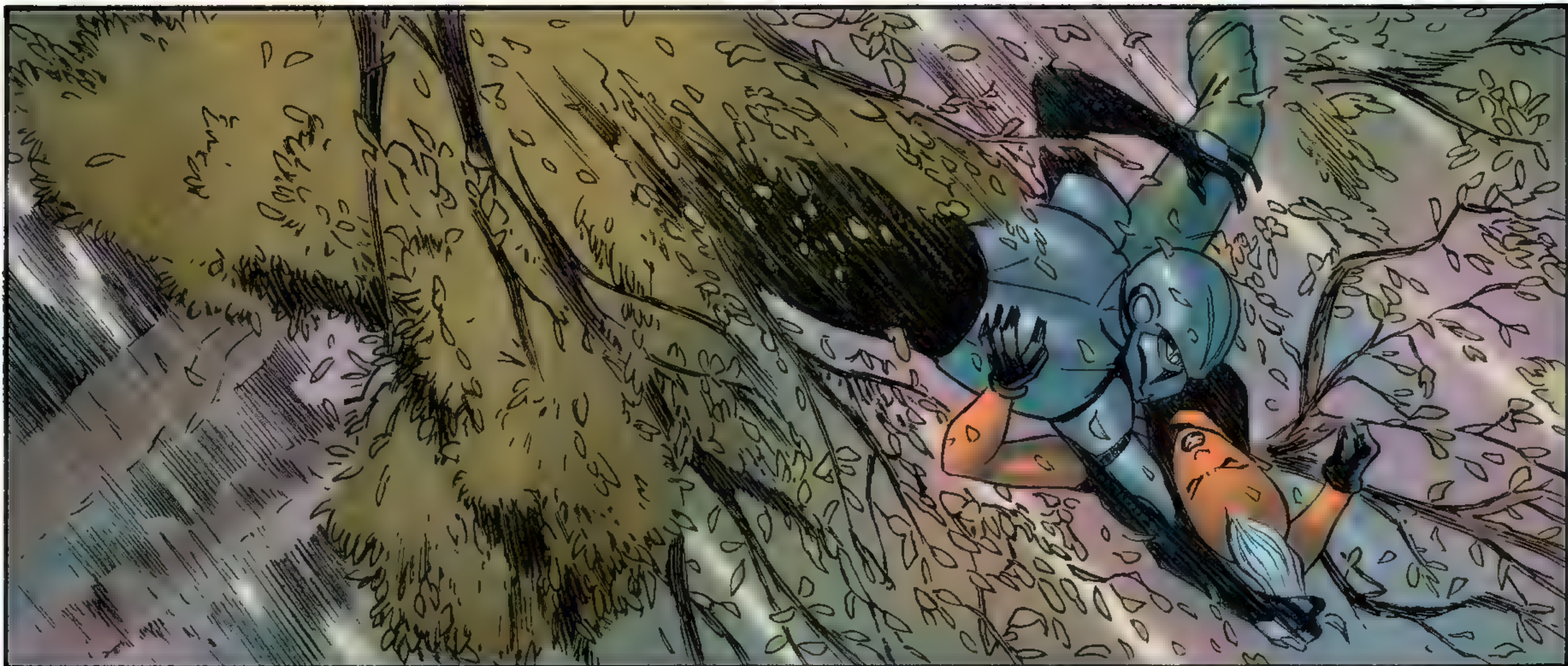


Oh no!













No--

--It's  
Piotr.



Oh my God,  
*Piotr!*  
We have  
to get back  
to the village,  
warn the  
others!



You go.

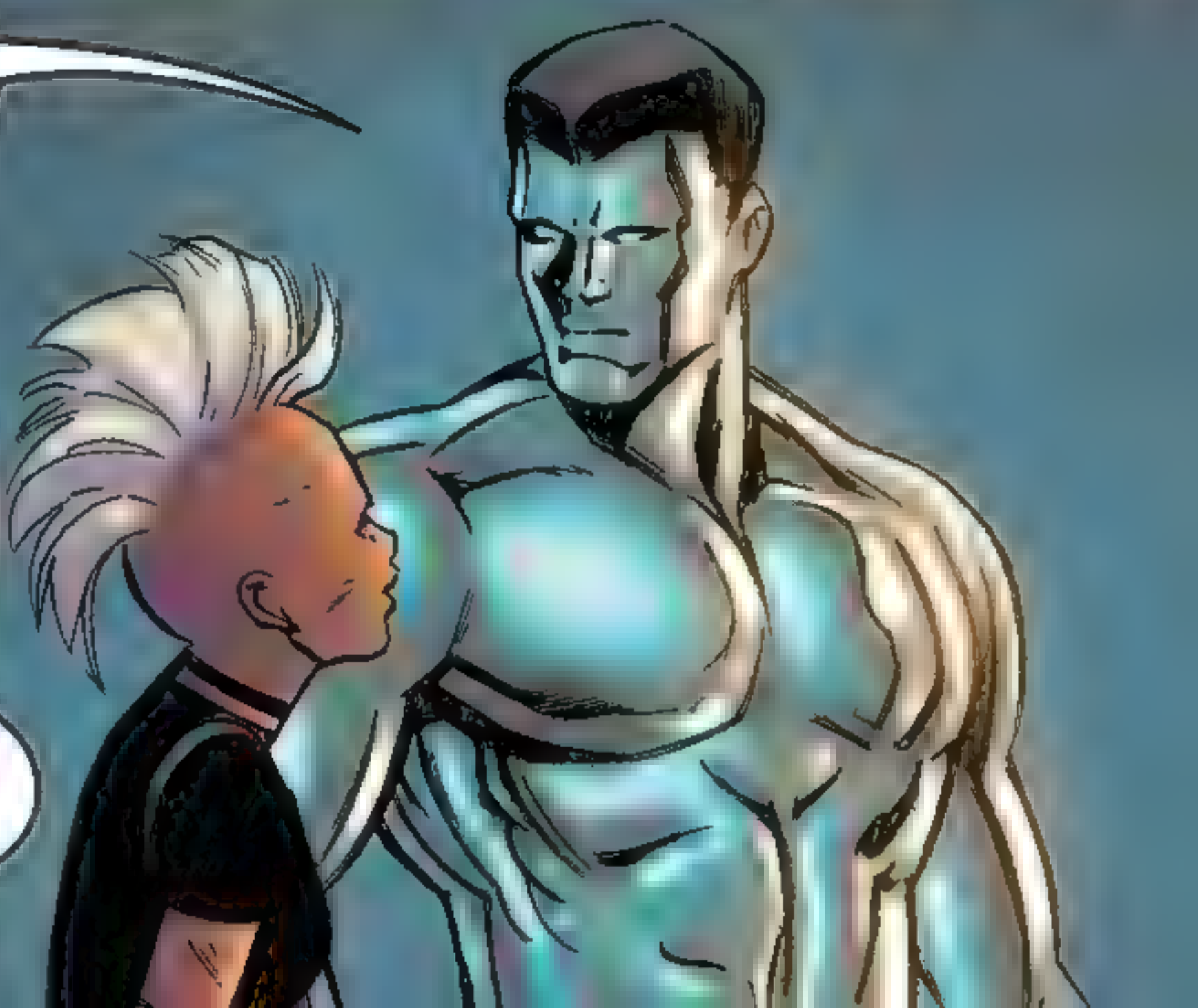
What--

They're  
circling back.

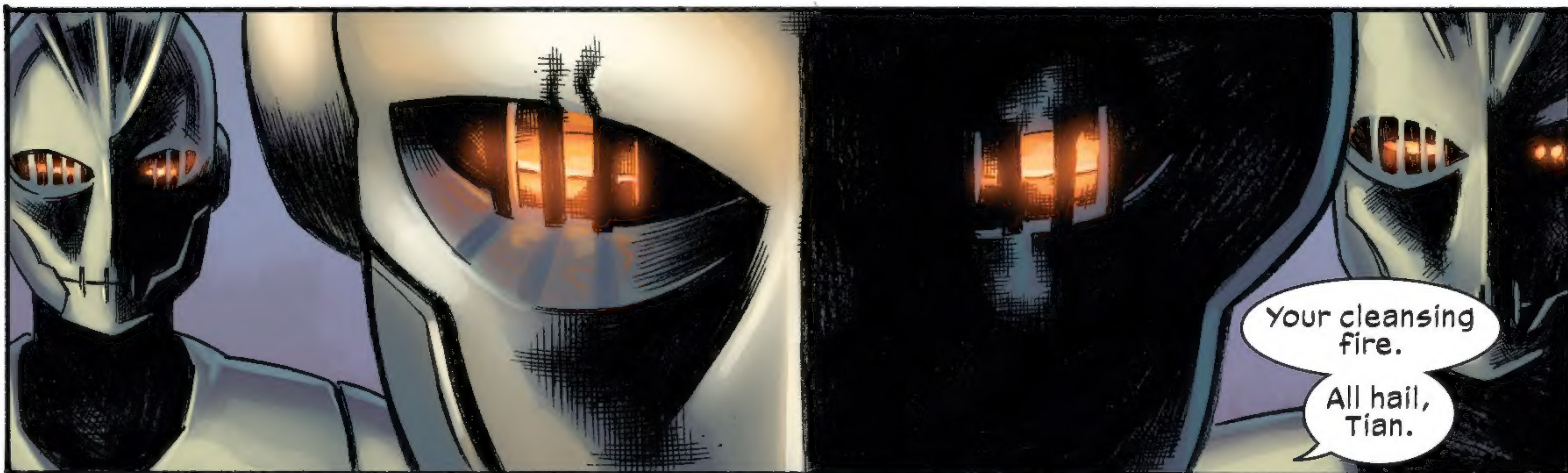
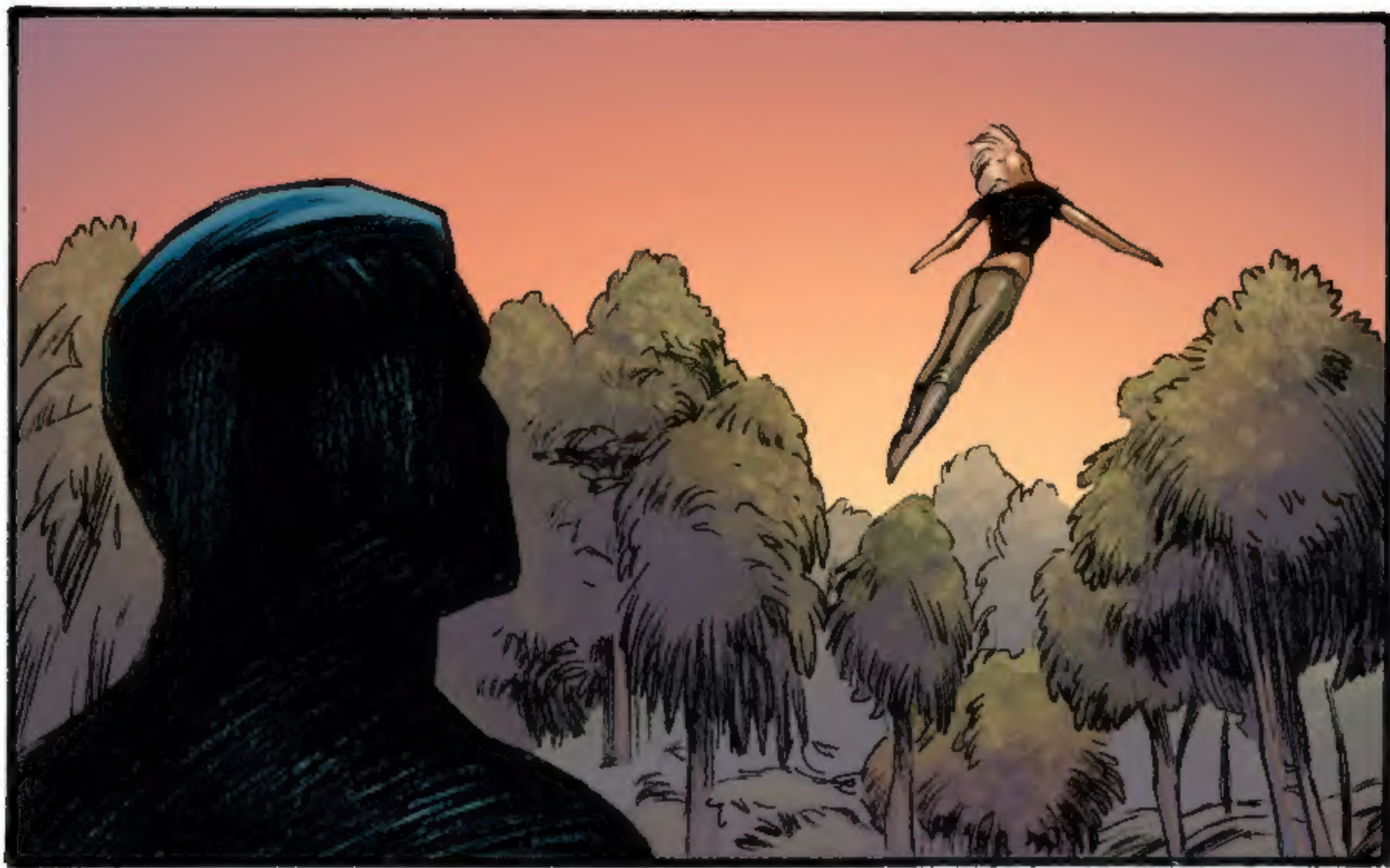
Go.

After so  
many months  
apart, what's  
a few extra  
minutes?

We'll  
catch up later.  
Promise.









How is it I can have such a perfectly defined philosophy, yet feel so wildly out of control of it?

Jean Grey...She *helped* us during the siege, now she seems intent on hurting us.

Is this the burden of the pacifist, to be constantly tested?

Or is this land cursed? Am I?

What is my role?

Haven't I carried the burden long enough?

Would our community be less of a lightning rod for conflict, if I weren't a part of it?

James.

Do I need to be more like him and accept the inherent violence in my own mutant traits? And not work so hard to avoid using it?

Attack!

We're under attack!

Where did you go, James?



Where did  
you go?

I'm  
here.

So I  
see.

Welcome to  
Tian, James  
Hudson.

And to  
your place at  
my side.

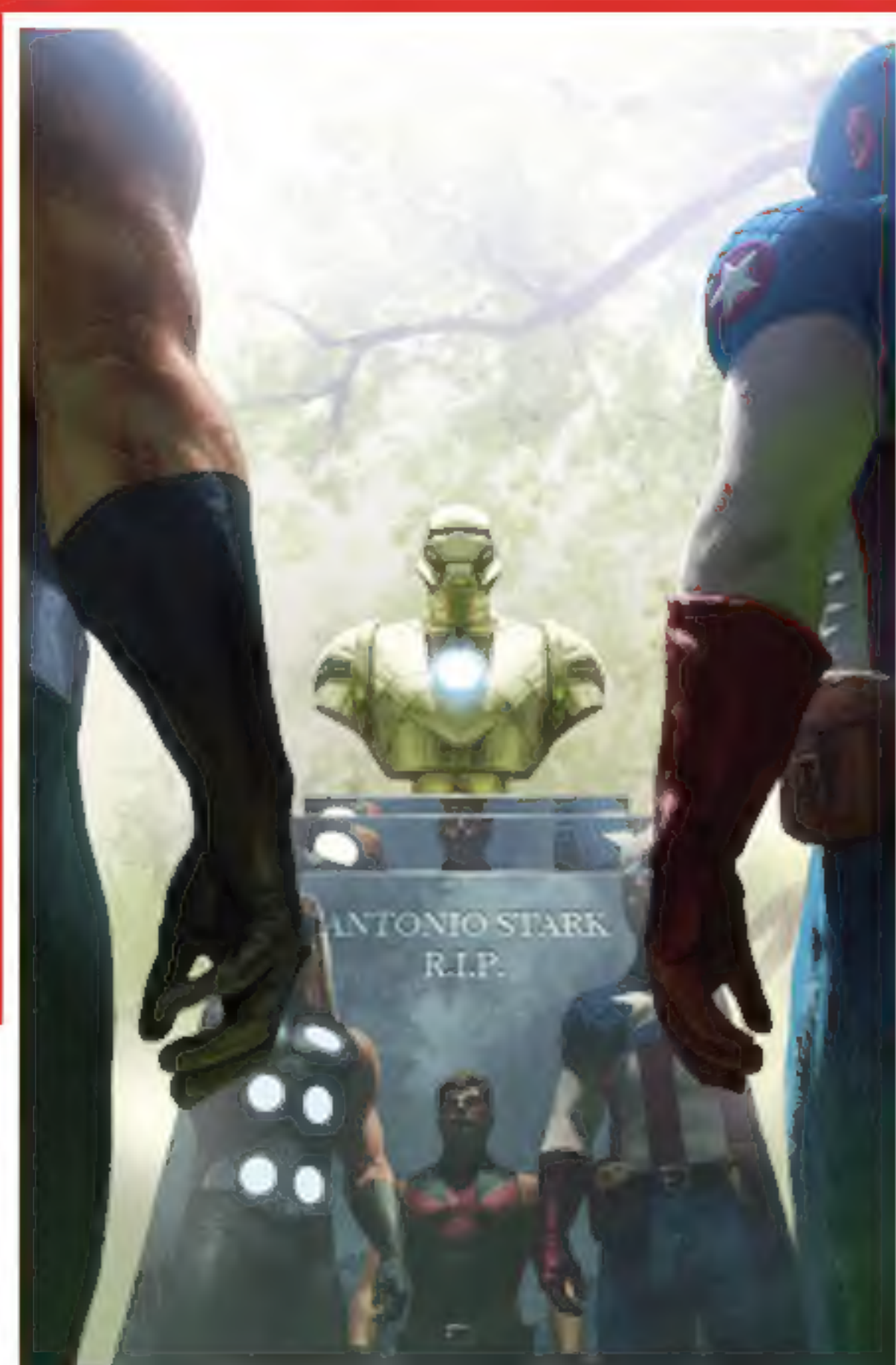
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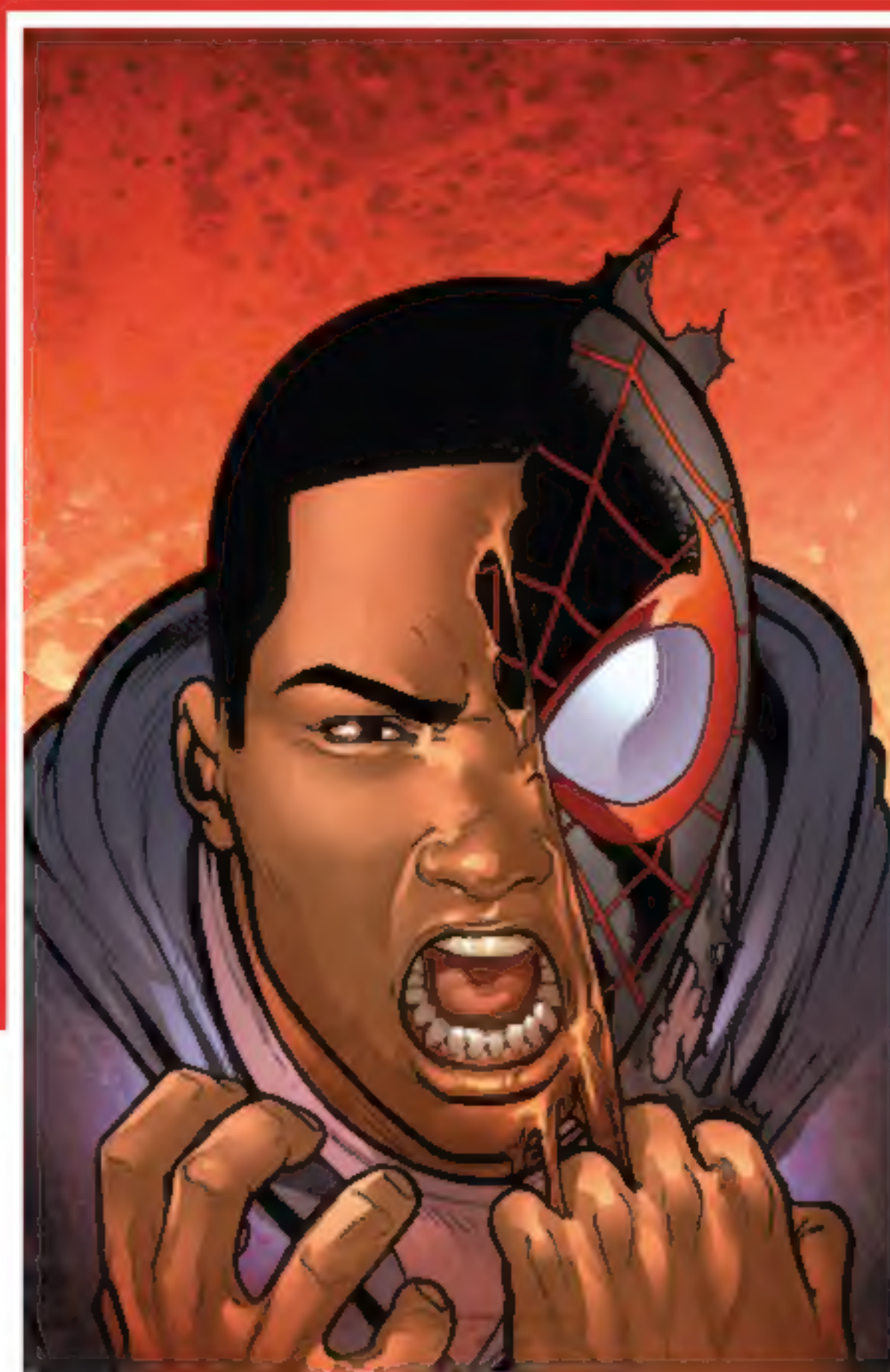
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